

## **American Indian Resources**

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Listed below are some useful resources that may assist you in locating written information about American Indians in South Dakota.

**Biographical File:** A collection of miscellaneous items about individual South Dakotans that were not added to the manuscript or government collections. Newspaper clippings, memorial cards, family histories, or other assorted writings may be found here. It is arranged alphabetically in file cabinets in the Research Room.

**Biographical & Historical Index of American Indians & Persons Involved in Indian Affairs:** This 8-volume set, published in 1966, consists of photocopied index cards that were on file in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. The index is alphabetical but sometimes the cards were not set in the correct order so researchers should browse the page before and after the entry they are researching. Entries are cited in English or the original native language, or both and include individual names, organizational names, and subject terms. The books are housed in the research room (Z 1209.U494 on the bottom shelf).

**General Subject File/Vertical File:** This collection contains general information on various subjects of SD history. The index to the collection is housed in the research room, however, the collection is housed in the archives storage area.

**Guide to American Indian Research at the SD State Archives:** This comprehensive guide was created to assist patrons in locating both manuscript and government collections related to American Indians in SD. Printed copies of this guide are available for \$10 each or it may be accessed at the archive web site. A reference copy is available in the Research Room..

**Indian Archives Project:** This collection of microfilm is the largest single collection of records related to American Indians in SD. Reservation census and allotment records are among the most heavily used items in the collection. An extensive guide to the collection is arranged alphabetically by agency and is located in the **Guide to American Indian Research at the SD State Archives** cited above. A reference copy is available in the Research Room.

**Mountain Men and the Fur Trade:** This 10-volume set was edited by Leroy Hafen and contains biographical sketches of many white men who married local American Indian women. The last volume is an index. These books are located in the library (F592.H2 M74)

**South Dakota Historical Collections Index (the last volume) and South Dakota History Index (Vol. 25, no. 3 & 4, 1995):** Consult the indexes of these two SDSHS publications for articles written about local American Indian people. Complete sets of both periodicals are located in the research room.